



W.P(MD)No.25971 of 2019

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 04.11.2025

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THE HONOURABLE **MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN**

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and

W.M.P(MD)No.22481 of 2019

A.James Chelladurai

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Principal Secretary to Government,
Industries Department,
Chennai-600 009.

2.The Commissioner of Sugar,
690, Anna Salai, Nandanam,
Chennai-600 035.

3.The Chief Executive,
Arignar Anna Sugar Mills,
Karunkulam-613 303,
Thanjavur.

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, praying to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, to call for the records issued by the second respondent in R.C.No.497/SL 2/2015 dated 24.04.2019 set aside the same and consequently direct the first respondent to consider the representation made by the respondent dated 29.04.2015 to relax the qualification.

For Petitioners : Ms.D.Geetha

For R1 : Mr.J.Ashok
Additional Government Pleader



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For R2 : No Appearance
For R3 : Mr.S.Sajibino

ORDER

This writ petition is filed challenging the order of the second respondent in R.C.No.497/SL 2/2015 dated 24.04.2019 and to direct the first respondent to consider the representation made by the respondent dated 29.04.2015 to relax the qualification.

2.Though there were so much of disputed facts involved in this matter, this Court, at this length of time, is not inclined to go into all those disputed facts.

3.The main grievance of the petitioner is that the request of Cane Commissioner / second respondent dated 13.12.2017 regarding exemption of some qualifications for appointment of Cane Officers, was subsequently withdrawn vide letter dated 24.04.2019 and such withdrawal is in contravention with the understanding reached between the petitioner in I.D.No.86 of 2018. In the memo filed by the petitioner in I.D.No.86 of 2018 before the Labour Court, Kumbakonam, there is a reference about the request made by the Cane Commissioner and based on such request, the petitioner had withdrawn the industrial dispute. However, subsequent to the advent of



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Tamil Nadu Cooperative Sugar Mills Managerial Common Cadre System Rules, 2018, the successor to the earlier Cane Commissioner, thought it fit to withdraw the earlier request dated 13.12.2017.

4.This Court is of the view that such course is not in accordance with the understanding reached between the petitioner and the second respondent. Therefore, this Court is of the view that the issue addressed in the present writ petition may be redressed by directing the first respondent to consider the second respondent's request dated 13.12.2017 in respect of relaxation of the educational qualifications for the post of Cane Officers according to its own merits and in accordance with law within a period of twelve (12) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

5.With the above observations, this writ petition is disposed of. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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The District Collector,
Tirunelveli District,
Tirunelveli.



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